REQUIRED SUMMER READING: All incoming seventh-grade students must read *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson, then choose two other titles from the following list. (*The Miracle Worker* is included with the required books to purchase for 7th grade.) Most of the books are available in paperback from local bookstores and libraries. If more than one edition is available, be sure to select the unabridged edition. If it becomes impossible to locate a particular book, make another choice from the list.

Students should complete all of their reading before the first day of school since they will be writing an essay in class the first week. It would be best to read *The Miracle Worker* last, just before school begins.

We've worked to create lists that reflect a variety of styles, genres, and experiences -- enjoy! If you'd like to learn more about these books, you can ask your English teacher or one of our librarians, look for descriptions on Amazon or Goodreads, or see what your friends might recommend. You can also find the books in our library catalog at this link: [https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-7](https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-7). Happy reading!

**Fiction/Fantasy**

Bradbury, *Shift*
Bradley, *Jefferson’s Sons*
Cashore, *Jane, Unlimited*
Davis, *Mare’s War*
Fisher, *Incarceron*
Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*
Goldman, *The Princess Bride*
Hartley, *Steeplejack*
Hautman, *Godless*
Lai, *Inside Out and Back Again*
Lee, *Under a Painted Sky*
Lipsyte, *The Contender*
Ness, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*
O’Brien, *Z for Zachariah*
Reynolds, *Long Way Down*
Ruby, *Bone Gap*
Savit, *Anna and the Swallow Man*
Schlitz, *The Hired Girl*
Sepetys, *Between Shades of Gray*
Shusterman, *Challenger Deep*
Shusterman, *Scythe*
Smith, *Peak*
Stroud, *The Screaming Staircase*
Suma, *The Walls Around Us*
Taylor, *The Cay*
Tolkien, *The Hobbit*
Turner, *The Thief*

**Non-Fiction**

Davis, *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream*
Fleming, *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*
Heiligman, *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*
Helfer, *Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived*
Hoose, *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*
Moore, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*
O’Brien, *Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl*
Sheinkin, *Bomb: The Race to Build—And Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon*

**Autobiography/Memoir**

Davis, Jenkins, & Hunt, *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Helped Us Succeed*
Hillman, *I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree*
Lee, *Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea*
Myers, *Bad Boy*
Pelzer, *A Child Called “It”: One Child’s Courage to Survive*
Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*